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(U) On September 12, the Nicaraguan Civil Aviation Administration (Direccion General de Aeronautica Civil) celebrated the placing of the cornerstone of the future Civil Aviation Institute (Instituto Nicaraguense de Aeronautica Civil) at Managua International Airport. Highlights included remarks by Vice President Alfredo Gomez and representatives from the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure and the Central American Corporation of Air Navigation Services. On behalf of President Enrique Bolanos, the Vice President lauded progress toward the achievement of that end, foreseeing increased international commerce to the benefit of Central America. He added that Nicaragua's enterprising spirit, CAFTA, and collaboration with American civil aviation experts boded well for trade and enhanced international communication. The creation of an independent civil aviation entity is central to Nicaragua's achieving Category I status vis a vis the United States.
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